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Subject: FW: Sen. Barbara Boxer plans hearing next week on West fertilizer. explosion--see David's note. We need to start pulling together info. Need to have ready for review by Monday
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From: Smith, Monica
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2013 2:46 PM
To: 'Bob Goodfellow'
Cc: Webster, Susan; Broyles, Ragan
Subject: FW: Sen. Barbara Boxer plans hearing next week on West fertilizer. explosion--see David's note. We need to start pulling together info. Need to have ready for review by Monday

Bob - let's plan on putting together some additional information on next steps which would include our coordination with OSHA and CSB on their findings which may be useful to us in our joint root cause investigation with OECA and EN.

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From: Phillips, Pam
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2013 12:23 PM
To: Edlund, Carl; Broyles, Ragan; Smith, Monica; Webster, Susan; McQuiddy, David; Ruhl, Christopher
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From: Gray, David
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2013 12:12 PM
To: Phillips, Pam
Subject: Re: Sen. Barbara Boxer plans hearing next week on West fertilizer. explosion

I think we should go ahead and pull summary info as well as insights to next steps.

From: Phillips, Pam
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2013 11:03:25 AM
To: Gray, David
Subject: Re: Sen. Barbara Boxer plans hearing next week on West fertilizer. explosion

Do you know if R6 needs to provide any info for the hearing?

From: Gray, David
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2013 11:59:39 AM
To: Edlund, Carl; Phillips, Pam; Broyles, Ragan; Smith, Monica
Subject: Sen. Barbara Boxer plans hearing next week on West fertilizer explosion

Sen. Barbara Boxer plans hearing next week on West fertilizer explosion

Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., talked on her cellphone before a news conference on Capitol Hill last week. She says the June 27 hearing on West "is going to be a time for all of us to find out why they think this happened, the experts who went out there and were actually in the field ... and what things could be



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WASHINGTON — Sen. Barbara Boxer announced Wednesday that she will hold a hearing next week on the fertilizer plant blast in West that killed 15 people, flattened homes and heavily damaged schools.

"This is going to be very interesting. We'll find out why they think this happened," said Boxer, the California Democrat who chairs the Senate's Environment and Public Works Committee.

Boxer said it's too soon to know if new legislation is needed to prevent similar tragedies. She is reviewing reports to the committee from the Environmental Protection Agency and the Chemical Safety Board, an independent agency that investigates industrial incidents.

The Senate hearing, set for June 27, will look at the events leading up to the April 17 blast in West and a June 13 explosion at a chemical plant in Geismar, La., that killed two workers and injured more than 100 others.

Taken together, Boxer said, the incidents suggest a need to review national standards for the storage and handling of dangerous chemicals.

"I honestly haven't sat down to analyze every single thing the EPA and chemical board said. That's my weekend reading," she said. "This is going to be a time for all of us to find out why they think this happened, the experts who went out there and were actually in the field ... and what things could be corrected."

The Chemical Safety Board complained last month to Boxer that the Texas fire marshal and federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives had impeded its investigation into the causes of the blast.

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